

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows: Cancel non-elected claims 33-40.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1, 3, 5-32 and 41-52 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Nanna (1,875,482) discloses an apparatus for making wafers, comprises a pair of upper and lower mold plates with vent means and overhanging flanges that allow the escape of vapors and steam while prevent the escape of any of the batter material.

Nanna fails to disclose that the plurality of venting means could be replaced by a very small substantially continuous gap having a first portion has a width of 0.001-0.030 inches and a second portion wider than the first portion. The combination of the first and second portion of one very small substantially continuous gap with those widths has enable only vapor and steam to escape from the cavity without the use of overhanging flanges and a plurality of venting means in order to prevent material from escaping the cavity as disclosed by Nanna.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to THU KHANH T. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571) 272-1136. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra Gupta can be reached on 571-272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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